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Volkspolizei leave trains

between Prora and Weimar are reported to have stopped running during January.

Allegedly, all other Volkspolizei leave trains have also been cancelled.

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Comment: Volkspolizei leave trains have operated between the military posts of Army Group North and Saxony and Thuringia since August 1952.

The suspension of the trains may have been for the following reasons:

- A. Cancelling of all leaves for all units of Army Group North during the period of basic training which started behind schedule and which is to be completed by late March.

- B. Security measures against potential defectors.

- C. The alert status of the Volkspolizei units in the Cottbus area

reported [redacted] may also apply to other units. 25X1

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